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SUBJ: DUBAI PETROLEUM CO. OFFSHORE OIL RIG ACCIDENT

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING DUBAI THIS MORNING THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING DUBAI PETROLEUM COMPANY OFFSHORE RIG (W.D. KENT) AND MCDERMOTT PIPELAYING BARGE, THE WADICO-3. ALTHOUGH NO FIRM INFORMATION EXISTS, REPORTS SAY THAT 85 MPH WINDS DURING FREAK STORM ON PERSIAN GULF RESULTED IN BARGE-RIG ACCIDENTS ABOUT 0600 LOCAL TIME WHICH TOPPLED RIG.

2. THERE WERE REPORTEDLY 66 PERSONS ABOARD RIG AND ABOUT 25 ON BARGE. FIRST EVACUATION HELICOPTERS, HAMPERED BY BAD WEATHER, BROUGHT 17 OF MOST SERIOUS CASUALTIES AND ONE FATALITY TO RASHID HOSPITAL IN DUBAI. FATALITY TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS CANADIAN CITIZEN LUNDQUIST, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

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3. EVACUATION OF LESOR INJURED CONTINUES. FOUR AMCITS AMONG

THOSE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL, BUT SO FAR LUNDQUIST ONLY CONFIRMED
FATALITY.

4. ALTHOUGH REFORTS RECEIVED SO FAR ARE CONFLICTING AND UN-
CONFIRMED. EMBASSY OFFICE DUBAI WILL CONTINUE REPORTING
INFORMATION AS RECEIVED.
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